

Amendment and Response

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Title: SEALED AND ADAPTABLE CABLE BUSHING WITH EASY CABLE POSITIONING AND SLEEVE EQUIPPED WITH SUCH A BUSHING

REMARKS

This Amendment is responsive to the Final Office Action mailed June 16, 2005, in which claims 1-22 were rejected. With this Response, claims 1-4, 6, 8, 9, and 18-20 are amended. Claims 23-26 were previously withdrawn from consideration as being directed to a non-elected invention.

Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1-22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Laeremans et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,775,702).

Regarding independent claim 1, Laeremans et al. is alleged to disclose a cable bushing comprising: a first compression part 3a; a second compression part 3b, offset in a longitudinal direction from the first compression part 3a; at least one opening 11 in said first compression part 3a and at least one corresponding opening 11 in said second compression part 3b; sealing means located between said first compression part 3a and said second compression part 3b; and compression means 7a, 7b for moving said first compression part 3a and said second compression part 3b towards one another in the longitudinal direction to compress said sealing means 5; wherein said first compression part 3a and said second compression part 3b each comprise at least one piece that is movable to provide access individually to said respective opening 11.

Claim 1 has been amended, and now recites, in part, "wherein said first compression part and said second compression part each comprise a separately movable piece associated with each single respective opening therein, wherein each separately movable piece is movable to provide access individually to said single respective opening." **Laeremans et al. fails to teach or suggest the claimed separately movable piece associated with each single respective opening, and further fails to teach or suggest wherein each separately movable piece is movable to provide access individually to said single respective opening.**

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Laeremans et al. teaches a device in which moveable pieces are not associated with each single respective opening, but rather with more than one opening. The device of Laeremans et al. may be opened to provide simultaneous access to the openings, but it is not possible to individually access a single opening. This can clearly be seen in Figures 1-4 of Laeremans et al., where the adapter 1 can be seen in its fully opened configuration with hinged portions 9 holding the segments together. It is not possible to open either the adapter 1 or the sealing device 25 of Laeremans et al. so as to **individually** access a **single** opening in either the adapter 1 or the sealing device 25. For at least this reason, Laeremans et al. fails to anticipate the subject matter of amended independent claim 1, and withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) is respectfully requested.

Independent claim 18 is also alleged to be anticipated by Laeremans et al. However, independent claim 18, like independent claim 1 discussed above, has been amended to recite, in part, "wherein said first compression part and said second compression part each comprise a separately moveable piece associated with each single respective opening therein, wherein each separately moveable piece is movable to provide access individually to said single respective opening." Accordingly, the remarks presented above with respect to amended independent claim 1 are equally applicable to amended independent claim 18. **That is, Laeremans et al. fails to anticipate or suggest a separately movable piece associated with each single respective opening that is separately movable to provide access individually to said single respective opening.** For at least this reason, amended independent claim 18 is not anticipated by Laeremans et al., and withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) is respectfully requested.

Claims 2-4, 6, 8, 9, 19 and 20 have been amended solely to conform to the language of amended claims 1 and 18 from which they depend.

Claims 2-17 and 19-22 each depend, either directly or indirectly, from one of amended independent claims 1 and 18. As discussed above, amended independent claims 1 and 18 are not anticipated by Laeremans et al. and are now in allowable condition. For at least this reason,

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dependent claims 2-17 and 19-22 are also in allowable condition, and withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) is respectfully requested.

For at least the reasons provided above, the rejection of claims 1-22 under 35 USC § 102(b) as being anticipated by Laeremans et al (5,775,702) has been overcome and should be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above, Applicant respectfully submits that pending claims are in form for allowance and are not taught or suggested by the cited references. Therefore, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections and allowance of claims is respectfully requested.

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